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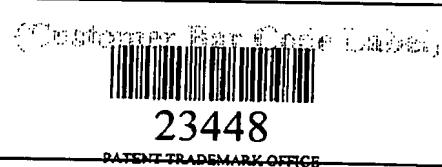
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ELECTRODES

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**RESPONSE TO FEBRUARY 6, 2003 OFFICE ACTION IN UNITED STATES PATENT  
APPLICATION NO. 09/681,609, INCLUDING REQUEST FOR REMOVAL OF  
FINALITY OF REJECTION AS BEING IMPOSED IN ERROR**


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This responds to the February 6, 2003 Office Action in the above-identified application.

**I. Request for Withdrawal of Finality of February 6, 2003 Office Action**

It is requested that the finality of the rejection of claims in the February 6, 2003 Office Action be withdrawn, on the grounds that such finality has been imposed in error by the Examiner.